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Official Contempt for Regulations

Under the Quarantine Rules and Regulations it is laid down in Section 5 that:

"Every vessel arriving from any port outside Newfoundland at any organized Quarantine Station shall be inspected by a duly appointed Quarantine Officer at the place duly appointed for such inspection, and shall not be allowed to make Customs entry at any port in Newfoundland until it has received a clean bill of health from such officer at such place."

Section 13 of these Regulations states that:

"Every Quarantine Officer shall satisfy himself as to the presence or absence of infectious diseases by the personal inspection of those on board by the sworn statement of the captain or surgeon, or by both."

Under Section 28 it states that:

"Unless otherwise specially ordered the following rates shall be paid to the Quarantine Health or Medical Officer unless otherwise ordered—

For visiting all steamers, including certificate of release \$5.00
 For visiting all other vessels including certificate of release \$2.50

The following is the Quarantine Officer's Clearance for the Customs Collector:

Port of—
 I hereby declare that I have inspected the master, and found this vessel to be free from infectious disease or well founded suspicion thereof, and it is hereby admitted to pratique.

Relieving Officer.

The above Regulations are but a few of the precautionary measures taken to guard this port and others in the Island against—to quote the Act—"the graver quarantinable diseases: Asiatic Cholera, Plague, Small-pox, Typhus Fever, and Yellow Fever;" and the minor: Chicken Pox, Diphtheria, Enteric Fever, Measles, and Scarlet Fever."

There is no question as to the general excellence of the wording of these Regulations; there is no question either as to the satisfactory rate of pay allowed the Port Doctor for a side line, but there is a very big question as to the efficient manner in which that official attends to his duties.

Regularly the master of every ship which enters St. John's from a foreign port pays the fee, and with the same regularity each month the Port Doctor receives his emoluments of office. For what? For services rendered, or is it out of consideration for the favour that official confers upon the public by occupying that position?

Apparently these regulations serve the same purpose as many others on the statute book, such for example as the Prohibition Act—mute testimony of the sincerity of former legislators, but utterly ineffective because of the studied disregard on the part of those who are paid to see that they are enforced.

The matter to which we refer demands immediate and drastic action on the part of the authorities. Strangers are constantly arriving in this port from all parts of the globe and the health of the community is endangered, simply because of the gross negligence of the official who is paid to enforce the

regulations. The case is all the more glaring because of the fact that the official in question was indicted recently by a Royal Commission which found that the public funds under his control had been badly and wastefully administered by him.

The masters of ships calling at St. John's frequently express surprise not unmixed with resentment, because although they pay the port fees, they are not formally visited and given a clean bill of health by the proper authority.

It has frequently been said that there are individuals attached to Government Departments who receive their cheques regularly, but who never render any services in return. We were under the impression that this statement was an exaggeration, but in the face of this exposure, is it?

There are men in the Public Service who have performed their duties faithfully and well for a lifetime, and for a pitance. There are others who by influence have been given lucrative positions, or who, already holding well paid posts, have been allowed to augment their official salaries by appointment to other odd jobs. Whether they function or whether they do not is apparently a matter of little concern to the authorities, and the only duty studiously observed by those parasites is to see that their cheques are paid promptly.

Exhibition at Methodist College Hall

EXCELLENT WORKING MANUEL TRAINING CLASS.

An exhibition of work, executed by the pupils of the Methodist College Manual Training Classes, opened at the Methodist College Hall yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended. Articles of every description were on display. The girls' department contained rugs, cookery, fancy needle work, crocheting, candy, drawing and, in fact, everything generally learned by young ladies.

In the boys' department articles made from wood formed the principle feature, and many excellent pieces of furniture were shown. Other attractions were a model yacht, locomotive engine, ferris wheel, and a radio receiving set. There was also some excellent exhibition of free hand drawing. The exhibition was of a high order and does credit to the pupils and teachers of the College.

Magistrates Court

At noon to-day the prisoner, William Alonzo Russell, who was arrested only a few hours previously, charged with the murder of his step-father, Matthew Wakeham, Casey St., was brought up from the cells below, closely guarded by the police, and arraigned before Judge Morris, who charged him with the following indictment: "For that you, on the 17th day of April, 1924, at St. John's, in the Electoral District of St. John's, feloniously, wilfully and of your malice aforethought, did kill and murder one Matthew Wakeham, against the peace of Our Lord the King, His Crown and Dignity."

His Honor informed the accused that he was not asked to plead to the charge at present. Inspector General Hutchings then asked for a remand until the investigation surrounding the affray is completed. This was granted. The prisoner showed no emotion over the crime committed and was removed from the court room to the cell below, from which he was later conveyed to the Penitentiary; there to remain until he comes up for preliminary trial.

Silvia Arrives

S.S. Silvia arrived in port at 5 a.m. from Halifax and New York bringing the following passengers: Miss P. Foster, E. D. Hanrahan, R. H. Palmer, R. Gosse, Thos. Walsh, Sir R. A. Squires, S. Tilley, G. R. Burt, T. F. Crowther, Miss M. Walton, Miss R. Mayo, Miss B. Brown, A. Horrod, J. Woodward, R. Badcock, M. White, J. Pomeroy and 25 second cabin.

Personal

The Redemptorist Fathers, Revs. McDonald and O'Reilly who have been conducting the Missions at the R.C. Cathedral are leaving by S.S. Silvia for Halifax.

Sir Richard Squires, returned by S.S. Silvia this morning from a trip to Toronto. He is looking well after his visit.

GOWER STREET CHOIR.—Final practice to-night, at 9 o'clock, for Good Friday Recital.

Grim Tragedy in the West End.

Man Shot Dead in House on Casey Street—Step-son Arrested on Murder Charge

Casey Street was the scene of a tragedy this morning which ended in the death of Matthew Wakeham, aged 47. Wakeham was killed almost instantly by being shot with a revolver. The affair took place shortly after 8 o'clock and about 9 a.m., Wm. Alonzo Russell, aged 20 years and stepson of the deceased was placed under arrest by Sergeant Stapleton, on the charge of murder.

The victim of the shooting is a laborer and was formerly employed at Bowring Press premises. The house where the shooting occurred is on the north side of Casey Street and but a short distance from New Gower Street. Wakeham with his family occupied the upper portion of the house, and for some time past he has been making repairs to the lower portion in order to live there. About 9 years ago he married a widow named Russell, the mother of three sons. Since then three other children have been born and the families resided together. According to the story told by neighbours, quarrels between Wakeham and his wife have been very frequent and on occasions he had threatened her life. The last scene they say took place yesterday evening when their 7 year old boy, Mat, broke a pane of 12 x 14 glass in a downstairs window with a rubber ball. The father it is stated drove the lad in the house, beat him and then turned on the mother. This morning the quarrel was again resumed. It is stated that the father became enraged

over the broken glass, because the mother threatened to take her life as well as that of the boy, Alonzo. It appears, to save his mother interfered and the shooting took place. Some state that Wakeham had a razor with which he attempted to cut his wife's throat but this cannot be verified. Following the shooting, Alonzo ran from the house to Steer Bros. where his elder brother works and informed him of what had taken place. He then returned home and remained there until placed under arrest. The first information neighbours had that a tragedy had occurred was when Mrs. Wakeham rushed screaming to the street. Mrs. Martin who lives next door hurried in to see what was the matter. In the kitchen upstairs she found Wakeham lying face up on the floor beside the kitchen table, with blood streaming from his head. Medical aid was called and Drs. Tait and Anderson responded, but found that life was extinct. When the police took charge of the place, a revolver containing three empty shells was found. A preliminary examination showed a bullet hole in the left side of the shoulder of the victim and one in the head. The revolver according to the story told by neighbours had been in the house for some time. Inspector General Hutchings was early on the scene and had the body of Wakeham taken to the morgue by undertaker Bursell, where a post mortem is being held this evening.

Sealing News

The messages received from the balance of the sealing fleet on the north front last night shows that the steamers are operating the bedlamers with fair success. The Thetis reports having steamed through bedlamers all day yesterday, but the ice was too bad to put the men out, in spite of this, however, the men baited 800 after 6 o'clock.

The Seal is gradually working her way out of White Bay, and picking up scattered seals.

The sealing outlook in the Gulf is very discouraging. The Viking reports for 1920, but the work has been greatly retarded, due to successive gales from the north with snow. The ice is still tight and the ships jammed.

The following are the messages:—

BOWRING BROS.
 Sagona—Six miles N. by W. of the Funks; killed and jammed about 1500; still on ice 1900; jammed; wind north.

Viking—Forty miles S.W. Deadman's Island. Blowing a gale from north, snowing at intervals. Weather greatly retards work. On board and stowed down 1070. Ice tight; jammed.

JOB BROS. & CO.
 Thetis—(Wednesday evening)—Position seven miles North of the Funks. Steamed through thousands of bedlamers to-day. Ice too loose to put men out. Baited 800 after 6 this evening.

BAINE JOHNSTONE & CO.
 Seal—Met a strong East wind yesterday and last night very heavy swell. Position 3 miles S.E. Horse Islands, jammed. Now light East wind, formed the accused that he was not asked to plead to the charge at present.

ESTIMATED CATCH STOWED
 Neptune (in port) .. 26,500
 Eagle (in port) .. 22,000
 Terra Nova .. 17,700
 Seal .. 14,500
 Ranger .. 14,500
 Thetis .. 11,800
 Sagona .. 9,100
 Viking .. 3,070
 Total .. 116,970

Shipping

Schr. Bastian has arrived at Burin 42 days from Oporto with a cargo sail consigned to parties in St. Pierre.

McMurdo's Store News.

AT OUR TOILET DEPT.

We have on exhibition a delightful display of Face Powders, Creams, Talcum, Bath Salts, Bath Powders and Soaps, all of exquisite odours and delightful Easter Gifts.

On Thursday and Saturday this week, we have special "Week End Prices."

Bath Salts in Bottles, Bowls and Cubes with a Cake of Regal Bath Soap, \$1.00 to \$3.50.
 Three Flower Face Powder .. \$1.00
 With a Tube of D. & R. Cold Cream .. 1.30
 Pompeian Face Powder .. 80
 With a Tube Night Cream .. 1.00
 Three Cakes Palm Soap .. 25
 Boncliff Beautifier .. 1.35
 With a Package Cleavers Face Powder .. 1.60

AT OUR CANDY COUNTER.

We have Met's, Whitmans and Page and Shaws Chocolates in Boxes, for Easter Gifts.

Also our usual supply of delicious Candies, etc., at Special Week End Prices.

ON THURSDAY AND SATURDAY.
 Choc. Cherries and Raisins.
 Pineapple and Almonds.
 Cream Butternuts and Sml. Brazil.
 Scotch and Klondyke Nuts, Apricots, Montevideo and XXX Assorted.

ALSO OUR THREE EXTRA SPECIALS.

Italian Mixture .. 35c. lb.
 O. K. Chocolate Cream .. 35c. lb.
 Butter Scotch Lumps .. 40c. lb.

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Two Leaders

Our High Grade Home-made candies and "Perfection Brand" Ice Cream, to be had only at Powers' Candy Store, 218 New Gower Street, April 17th, S.M.W.S.

Here and There.

DISCHARGED.—A resident of Fox Trap who received a night's lodging at the Police Station was liberated this morning.

The Chinese Puzzle is the most wonderful play ever produced in St. John's by amateurs. Secure your tickets at Hutton's.—April 17th.

KYLE DELAYED.—S.S. Kyle has been delayed in her sailing from the North Sydney port owing to a N.W. gale, and is not expected to get away from there until late this morning.

SEALING TURNOUTS.—Up to 1 p.m. the Neptune had turned out 2,000 seals. The average weight of the young harps was 45 1/2 lbs. The Eagle is expected to finish discharging this evening. Up to 2 p.m. 19,000 seals had been landed, the average run of young seals being 45 lbs.

Tickets are selling well for "The Chinese Puzzle."—April 17th.

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES

SUSPENDED OFFICIAL DODGES POLICE.

TORONTO, April 17.

There were more sensations before the Public Accounts Committee of the Ontario Legislature this afternoon. The Inspector of the Provincial Police, Alfred Cuddy, under oath stated that the police were unable to locate C. A. Mathews, the former Assistant Treasurer, who was suspended following the evidence that he had split a commission with two others. Mr. Mathews was shadowed by the police under instructions from the Provincial Treasurer but evaded his watch, going in the front door of a Toronto downtown office and out at the back on March 24. Warrants for his arrest are already to be sworn out when he is located.

PRINCE INVITED TO VISIT KENYA COLONY.

NAIROBI, Kenya, April 17.

The Prince of Wales has been invited to visit Kenya Colony this summer as his proposed visit to South Africa has been postponed on account of the South African general elections. Sir Robert Coryndon, Governor of Kenya, has sent to the Prince an invitation in response to a strong expression of public opinion in favor of the Prince being invited.

GERMANY'S REPLY GRATIFIES REPARATIONS COMMISSION.

PARIS, April 17.

The German Government has accepted the experts' reports as a practical basis for the solution of the Reparations problem. The German Government's reply was handed to the Reparations Commission to-day and there was much enthusiasm at Reparation headquarters when it became known that Germany would collaborate with the combination in the settlement of this most difficult problem on the basis set forth by the experts. There appears to be a general desire on the part of all concerned to get together at the earliest possible moment. Differences do not seem to be such as cannot be overcome and optimism is increased by the fact that a "speedy solution" is the keynote of the various acceptances.

N. B. S. Soiree

The N.B.S. Committee and Ladies' Auxiliary saw the finalization of their plans last night, in connection with the Soiree to be held in Grenfell Hall on St. George's Night. The Committee have left nothing undone to make this event the 'best ever' in connection with their Society, and no doubt all the friends of the Society will patronize this event.

SYMPATHY.

Ease the family's Sorrow, send FLOWERS.

Wreaths delivered promptly. Prices reasonable. Phone 1513. Night Phone 2111M.

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BORN.

At Southcott Hospital this morning, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. St. George.

DIED.

At her residence, 44 Morton Street, New York City, April 17th, Jessie Hay McLarty, widow of the late William McLarty, both formerly of St. John's, Newfoundland.

Passed peacefully away at Torbay this morning, Ellen, a native of Dublin, Ireland, relict of the late Joseph White, aged 94 years; leaving two sons, James and Lawrence, both residing at Torbay and a large circle of friends. Funeral on Saturday at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, Torbay.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of 2632 Pte. Thomas J. Rodgers, who died April 17th, 1917, at Donal, of wounds received in the Battle of Monchy, April 14th, 1917, aged 18 years; also his sister Nellie, who died on Easter Sunday, 1916, aged 16 years. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on their souls.

IN MEMORY

of Thomas Fagan, who died April 17, 1923. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul. One year have passed my heart still sore. As time pass by I miss him more. When the evening shades are falling And I sit so quiet alone, In my heart there comes a longing If he only could come home.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of George Skanes, who departed this life April 17th, 1921, aged 14 years. R. I. P. In our hearts we mourn the loss of him we loved so dear. What would we give to clasp his hands, his gentle voice to hear, His loving smile and welcome voice that were so dear to us. He's resting now in Heaven above, In God alone we trust.

And we think of you dear George While our tears dim our eyes, Never shall your memory fade, Loving hearts will always linger Around the grave where you are laid.—Inserted by his Mother.

Drink Royal Standard Orange Pekoe Teas

Packed Expressly for The Royal Stores

RED PACKET .. Reg. 70c. per lb. for 60c.
 BLUE PACKET .. Reg. 80c. per lb. for 75c.
 WHITE PACKET .. Reg. 90c. per lb. for 85c.

FRESH EGGS.

Per Dozen 48c.

Damson Jam .. Reg. 35c. for 28c.
 Greengage Jam .. Reg. 35c. for 28c.
 Raspberry Jam .. Reg. 45c. for 35c.
 Marmalade .. Reg. 35c. for 28c.

MARSHMALLOWS.

16-oz. Packet 60c.

Ilex Sliced Peaches .. Reg. 30c. for 25c.
 " Peaches .. Reg. 30c. for 25c.
 " Apricots .. Reg. 30c. for 25c.
 " Grapes .. Reg. 28c. for 25c.
 " Egg Plums .. Reg. 28c. for 25c.

McVITIE & PRICE SHORTBREADS

Per Tin, \$1.20

LOOFAH TOILET SOAP.

Reg. 20c. per Cake for 15c.

Fancy Apricots .. Per lb. 25c.
 Choice Apricots .. Per lb. 20c.
 Choice Peaches .. Per lb. 15c.
 Choice Prunes .. Per lb. 14c.

PINEAPPLE CUBES.

Per Tin 25c.

Seedless Raisins .. Per lb. 18c.
 Seedless Raisins .. Per lb. 18c.
 Seeded Raisins .. Per lb. 18c.
 Seedless Raisins (Good) .. Per lb. 18c.

LAUNDRY SOAP—Large Bars.

Special Per Bar, 50c.

NUTTER

The Ideal Cooking Fat FOR GOLDEN BROWN PASTRY and RICH LIGHT CAKES.

Special Per Tin, 55c.

EASTER NOVELTIES.

A choice assortment.

FOSS'S & MOIR'S CHOCOLATES.

Fancy Boxes.

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For the Dance Party and Street Wear.

BROCADED SILVER SHOES .. 9.00
 1-Strap, Louis Heel, 2 1/2 to 6.

BLACK SATIN SHOES .. 5.60
 1-Strap, Louis Heel, 3 to 6.

BLACK SATIN SHOES .. 5.60
 1-Strap, low heel, 2 1/2 to 6 1/2.

GREY SUEDE OXFORDS .. 8.00
 Laced, low heel, Goodyear welt, 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2, 4, 5, 5 1/2, 6.

GREY SUEDE SHOES .. 6.70
 Patent Leather Strap, low heel, 2 1/2 to 6.

PATENT LEATHER FRONT SHOES .. 5.85
 With Grey Suede back, low heel, 1-Strap, 2 1/2 to 6.

LOG CABIN SUEDE SHOES .. 5.85
 1-Strap, low heel, 2 1/2 to 6 1/2.

BAMBOO LATTICE FRONT SHOES .. 7.50
 1-Strap, Louis Heel, 2 1/2 to 5 1/2.

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